

accept all responsive, responsible offers of U.S. made, qualifying country, and eligible products before accepting any other offers.

(iii) National interest waivers under Section 302(b)(2) of the Trade Agreements Act are approved on a case-by-case basis. Except as delegated in paragraphs (c)(iii) (A) and (B) of this section, a request for a national interest waiver shall include supporting rationale and be submitted under department/agency procedures to the Director of Defense Procurement.

(A) The head of the contracting activity may approve a national interest waiver for a purchase by an overseas purchasing activity of products critical to the support of U.S. forces stationed abroad. The waiver must be supported by a written statement from the requiring activity stating that the requirement is critical for the support of U.S. forces stationed abroad.

(B) The Commander, Defense Fuel Supply Center, may approve national interest waivers for purchases of fuel for use by U.S. forces overseas.

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225.403 Exceptions.

(b) The evaluation preference for small disadvantaged businesses in subpart 219.70 does not displace an offer of an eligible product.

(c)(1)(A) If a department or agency considers an individual acquisition of a product to be indispensable for national security or national defense purposes and appropriate for exclusion from the provisions of FAR subpart 25.4, it may submit a request with supporting rationale to the Director of Defense Procurement (USD(A&T)DP).

(B) The following national security/national defense exceptions do not require approval by USD(A&T)DP—

(1) Where purchase from foreign sources is restricted by the DoD annual Appropriations or Authorization Acts (see subpart 225.70) or by the establishment of required sources of supplies and services under FAR part 8.

(2) Where competition from foreign sources is restricted under the authority of FAR 6.302-3(a)(2)(i). Provide

USD(A&T)DP a copy of the justification for restricting competition in accordance with FAR 25.402(e) and FAR 6.303-1(d).

(3) Where competition from foreign sources is restricted under subpart 225.71.

(g)(4) In accordance with Section 8094 of the Fiscal Year 1994 Defense Appropriations Act (Public Law 103-139), the exception for petroleum and any product derived from petroleum does not apply.

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225.403-70 Products subject to trade agreement acts.

Foreign end products subject to the Trade Agreements Act and NAFTA are those in the following Federal supply groups (FSG). If a product is not in one of the listed groups, the Trade Agreements Act and NAFTA do not apply. The definition of Caribbean Basin country end products in FAR 25.401 excludes those end products which are not eligible for duty-free treatment under 19 U.S.C. 2703(b). However, 225.401 expands the definition of Caribbean Basin country end products to include petroleum and any product derived from petroleum. The list of products has been annotated to indicate those products which are eligible for designated and NAFTA countries, but are not presently eligible for Caribbean Basin countries.

FSG	Category/Description
22	Railway equipment
23	Motor vehicles, trailers, and cycles (except 2350 and buses under 2310)
24	Tractors
25	Vehicular equipment components
26	Tires and tubes
29	Engine accessories
30	Mechanical power transmission equipment
32	Woodworking machinery and equip- ment
34	Metalworking machinery
35	Service and trade equipment
36	Special industry machinery (except 3690)
37	Agricultural machinery and equip- ment